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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Intelligence  
**SUBJECT:** The Role of the Geographer in CIA

1. Some time ago, you asked that I clarify and bring up to date your understanding of the role of the geographer in CIA. The attached manuscript was prepared for that purpose.

2. A number of us have put a good deal of thought into this paper, and we hope that you will find it illuminating. You have in your geographers a curious dichotomy -- an underinvestment in manpower and an under-used asset.

3. My suggested solution -- the Geography Division T/O should be increased by at least 5-8 professionals, and other DDI production offices should be further encouraged to make greater use of the Division's expertise and data bank. For my part, I intend to continue to expand the use of the geographers' talents into new and important areas of research and analysis.

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**JOHN KERRY KING**

**Director**

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**Attachment:**

**Paper on "The Role of the Geographer in CIA"**

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